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Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) 2000-267832 discloses that if one printing apparatus is printing, inquiries are sent to another printing apparatus. If this second printing apparatus can execute printing, print data is transferred thereto and printed. (See Fig. 1 and lines 26-37 of the left column of page 3 of this document). A commercially available English language Abstract is attached.

Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) 10-289071 discloses that a priority item is checked. Where "Print Output Time" is set, a print job is transferred from a first printer to a second printer server. Where "Designated Printer" is set, the first printer executes the print job even if this takes time. (See Fig. 3 and



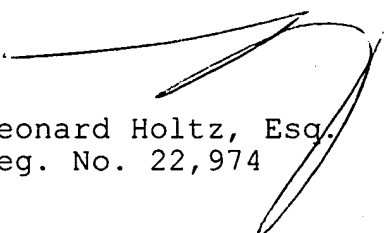
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